

## **VA GROUND WATER PROTECTION STEERING COMMITTEE**

The next meeting of the Steering Committee will be held on

**Tuesday, March 20, 2007 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.**

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### **Meeting Summary: Tuesday, September 19, 2006**

Steering Committee members in attendance:

Mary Ann Massie, Department of Environmental Quality

Howard Freeland, Department of Environmental Quality

Rebecca Askew, Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

Scott Johnson, Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

Nicole Sandberg, Department of Conservation and Recreation

Jim McKean, Department of Business Assistance

Guests:

David Nelms, US Geological Survey

Steve Werner, Draper Aden

Nancy Carr and Albert Crigger - Virginia Rural Water Association

Meade Anderson and Kevin Green - DEQ Waste Division

Robin Patton, Beverly Quinlan, Jennifer Wright, Erich Foster, and Previn Smith –  
DEQ Water Resources Division

Anne Stewart – VCU student

Agencies not in attendance:

Virginia Cooperative Extension, Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development, Virginia Department of Health, Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals, and Energy and the Department of General Services/Division of Consolidated Laboratories.

David Nelms, US Geological Survey Virginia Water Center, gave an outstanding presentation on a State observation well that is responsive to teleseismic waves generated by large earthquakes. USGS staff members are tracking responsiveness in wells throughout the United States and are initiating efforts to evaluate teleseismic effects to surface water. For more information on water resources in Virginia visit <http://va.water.usgs.gov> For more specific information on hydrologic responses in SOW 19 (Well 27F2) to large earthquakes and visit <http://va.water.usgs.gov/earthquakes/index.htm>

## **AGENCY UPDATES:**

### **Department of Environmental Quality**

Mary Ann Massie, Water Resources Division, reported grant workplan approval but no 07 funding to date. An RFP for wellhead protection projects was issued July 28 with proposals due by September 8. Six proposals were received and are being evaluated.

The November meeting for the GWPSC has been cancelled.

We do not meet in January due to conflicts with the General Assembly.

**However Mary Ann will be in touch via email to request your input on speakers/presentations for 2007 and to request your active involvement in preparing the GWPSC Annual Report.**

The next meeting will be March 20, 2007 and will include an overview of DEQ's Office of Ground Water Withdrawal Permitting.

Howard Freeland, Waste Division, reported on the reorganization within the Waste Division. An Office of Solid Waste has been established and Ms. Debbie Miller will be the office director. The other offices within the Division are the Office of Hazardous Waste Permitting, the Office of Financial Assurance, the Office of Remediation Programs, and the Office of Compliance Coordination. Howard announced his retirement at the end of the calendar year.

### **Department of Agriculture and Consumers Services**

Rebecca Askew introduced Mr. Scott Johnson. Scott is new to the VDACS Policy group and will be their representative to the Steering Committee. Rebecca also reported that Mr. Darrell Marshall has been hired into the Ag Stewardship program.

### **US Geological Survey**

David Nelms reported that Randy McFarland's publication on the framework for the Virginia Coastal Plain model is near completion. Jason Pope is completing his work on domestic water use in the Coastal Plain; the Geophysics Branch was involved in the testing of the seismic imaging technology in Clarke County; USGS staff were involved in methods development for new "optical temperature monitoring" in the Shenandoah River.

### **Department of Conservation and Recreation**

Nicole Sandberg reported a reorganization following Stu Wilson's retirement. There will be a new manager's position created over non point source, nutrient trading and the TMDL program. There will be a deputy director's position developed for the Soil and Water Conservation Division to oversee planning, grants, and GIS activities.

Article requests for the Annual Report for the Non Point Source program will begin soon. Contact Nicole if you have ideas for articles. Also an RFP for the Water Quality Improvement Fund will be issued in early spring; the funding level for the WQIF grant is approximately 5 million.

### **Department of Business Assistance**

Jim McKean noted Ms. Louisa Strayhorn has been hired as the Director of DBA; Ms. Lynda Sharp Anderson has been hired as the Deputy Director of DBA.

Nancy Carr, Virginia Rural Water Association, reported working with local officials in the Town of Dayton on stormwater issues that may affect their ground water based public water supplies. Additionally she is working with local officials in the Town of Newmarket where their wells are outside of the town's boundaries.

Albert Crigger, Virginia Rural Water Association, continues his work with Montgomery County Public Service Authority. He noted an upcoming presentation before the planning district commission on overlay zoning.

Steve Werner, Draper Aden, noted continued interest in water supply management issues.

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

**OUR NEXT MEETING IS SET FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 2007.** Robin Patton, DEQ Office of Ground Water Withdrawal Permitting, will give an overview of her program. **Please mark you calendar to attend.**